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**PROJECT CEASEFIRE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AWARDS \$100,000
TO SAVANNAH-CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
TO PURCHASE CAMERAS FOR SURVEILLANCE**

SAVANNAH, GA: Lisa Godbey Wood, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that the Project Ceasefire Working Group for the Southern District of Georgia will award \$100,000.00 in federal funds to the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) for an innovative surveillance camera project to be used in public areas of Savannah. Chief Willie Lovett of the SCMPD had submitted a request for funds to purchase the camera equipment to be used in the camera project. Similar projects in Los Angeles and Charlotte have been successful. According to Wood, Project Ceasefire is an effective tool for prosecuting gun crime and decreasing violent crime, using both traditional prosecution techniques and more creative community-based and technology-based projects to achieve its goals. "The camera project is a unique opportunity for the federal government to build on the contributions we have already made to the equipment needs of police in Savannah and surrounding areas over the last four years under Project Ceasefire," Wood said. "We would like to thank Chief Willie Lovett for approaching us with the camera project as this will be our largest contribution yet to the equipment needs of the SCMPD. Through the project, we hope to help enhance the safety of everyone in Savannah." "We

would also like to thank our dedicated partners in the Chatham County District Attorney, the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, and the ATF, as we continue to aggressively pursue gun-toting criminals for prosecution,” said Wood.

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